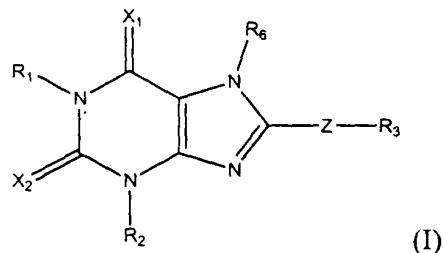


### ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The invention is based on the discovery that compounds of Formula I are unexpectedly highly potent and selective inhibitors of the adenosine A<sub>1</sub> receptor. Adenosine A<sub>1</sub> antagonists can be useful in the prevention and/or treatment of numerous diseases, including cardiac and circulatory disorders, degenerative disorders of the central nervous system, respiratory disorders, and many diseases for which diuretic treatment is suitable.

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In one embodiment, the invention features a compound of formula I:



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